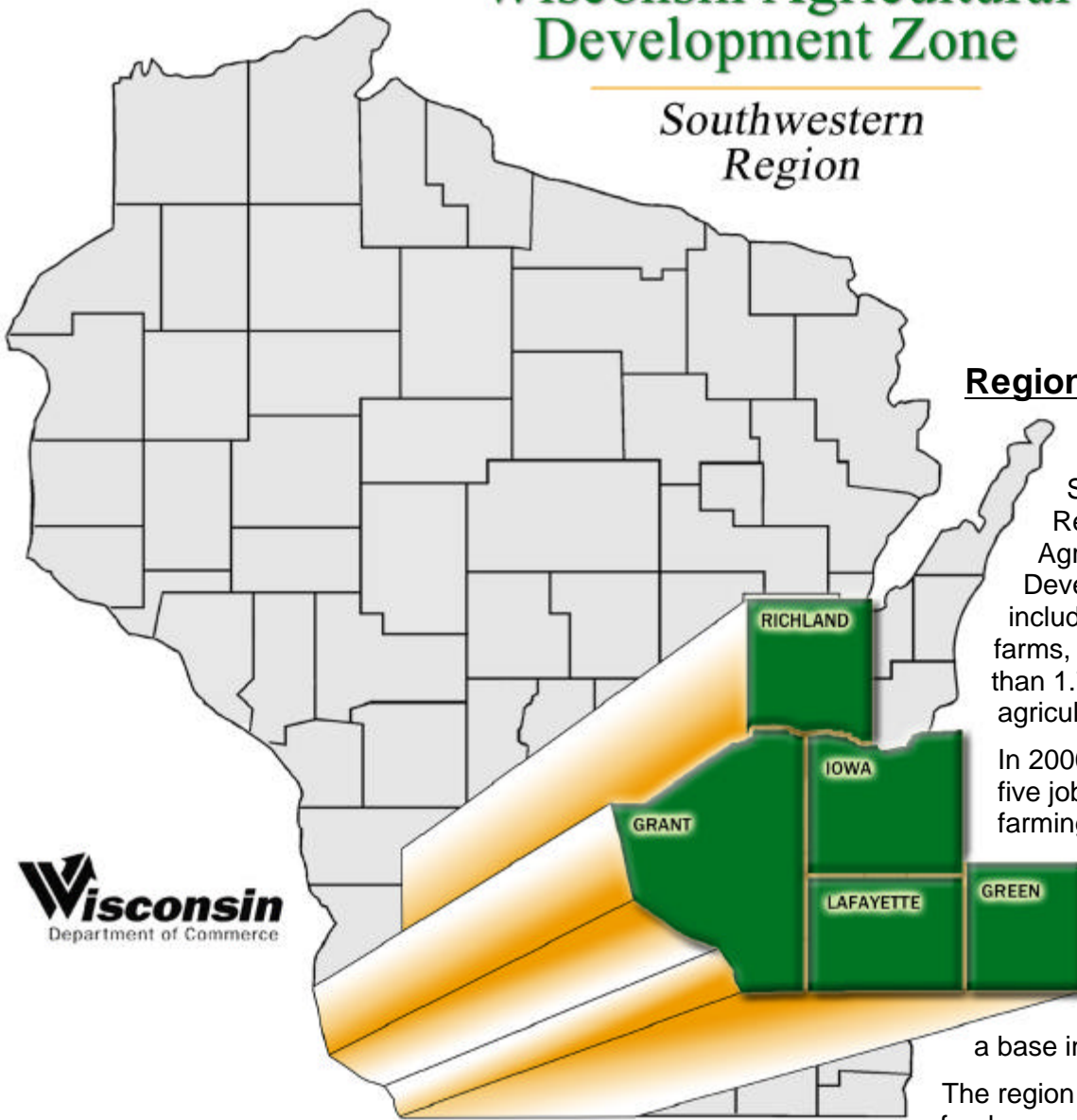


Wisconsin Agricultural Development Zone

Southwestern Region



Regional Make-up

The five counties that make up the Southwestern Region of Wisconsin's Agricultural Development Zone include more than 6,700 farms, comprising more than 1.7 million acres of agricultural production.

In 2000, one out of every five jobs in this region was farming. There is, therefore, a priority within the region to enhance and modernize the agricultural sector, a base industry of the area.

The region also has a robust food-processing industry, with trade associations, educational

institutions and experimental farms, service providers, commodity market strategists, farm credit institutions, banks, attorneys, civil servants and citizens who are geared toward agriculture.

Regional Goals

The Southwestern Region intends to focus its efforts to expand the agricultural and food-processing cluster by working on three levels of development: **(1)** Maintain and strengthen the existing agricultural base; **(2)** begin to build emerging businesses and technology; and **(3)** seed future opportunities.

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